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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF OREGON PORTLAND DIVISION

BRUCE GILLEY,

Plaintiff,

v.

TOVA STABIN, Communications Manager, University of Oregon Division of Equity and Inclusion, in her official and individual capacities,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:22-cv-01181-HZ

DECLARATION OF CHRIS WIDDOP IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S RULE 12(B)(1) MOTION TO DISMISS

- I, Chris Widdop, state as follows:
- 1. I am over the age of 18 years old and state that the statements set forth in this declaration are true and correct and are based upon my personal knowledge. If called as a witness, I could and would testify to the statements contained in this declaration.
- 2. I am a Program Associate in the University of Oregon's Public Records Office (the "Office").
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3. On June 26, 2022, Plaintiff Bruce Gilley ("Plaintiff") filed a public records request

with the Office. He requested, among other things, "[a]ny documents, emails, or written

communications during the last twelve months by the Division of Equity and Inclusion or other

administrative staff pertaining to the criteria used to determine whether a user should be blocked."

A true and correct copy of that request is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

4. On July 5, 2022, the Office responded to Plaintiff by informing him that it had no

records responsive to the above-described portion of his request and stating that "[t]he staff

member that administers the VPEI Twitter account and social media has the autonomy to manage

the accounts and uses professional judgment when deciding to block users." A true and correct

copy of that response is attached hereto as Exhibit 2. After researching this matter more fully, I

realized that statement was incorrect because the University of Oregon does have internal

guidelines relating to social media use.

5. On August 26, 2022, Plaintiff's counsel, Del Kolde, filed another public records

request with the Office. This time, he requested a copy of Defendant stabin's out-of-office email

message. A true and correct copy of that request is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

6. On August 31, 2022, the Office responded to Plaintiff, and in that response,

informed him that its July 5, 2022, response to Plaintiff's previous public records request had been

"inaccurate" in its description of "the university's approach to monitoring its social media sites."

The Office then supplemented its July 5 response by stating that "[t]he social media guidelines

published by UO's communications unit are here: https://communications.uoregon.edu/social-

media-guidelines." A true and correct copy of the Office's August 31, 2022, response is attached

hereto as Exhibit 4.

2- DECLARATION OF CHRIS WIDDOP IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S RULE 12(B)(1) MOTION TO DISMISS I hereby declare that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand it is made for use as evidence in court and is subject to penalty for perjury.

DATED: September 7, 2022. By: s/Chris Widdop

Chris Widdop

3- DECLARATION OF CHRIS WIDDOP IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S RULE 12(B)(1) MOTION TO DISMISS